

Motivation Portrayed As 'Missing Link' in Baptist Life

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In our local church work as well as in our organized program as Southern Baptists we are very strong in certain areas, but weak in other areas. The missing link that weakens the chain of our endeavors seems to be in the

area of Motivation. If one can visualize a chain in our work there would be three links that could be called Mission, Message, and Messenger; and somewhat separated from these three links we may find Meetings and Methods that are designed to implement that which we associate with Mission and Message. The problem is that of getting the

meetings and the methods for propagation linked up with our Mission, Message, and Messenger. The missing link is motivation.

The one great weakness in our organized Baptist work is to solve the problem of getting

our people to really want to do the work of the Lord. What can be done to impart to them, and implant within them a burning desire to do the will and work of the Lord? All of the instructions that can be given our people on Mis-

sion and Message will not supply the needed motivation. Information does not always imply or include motivation. Information alone will not supply motivation.

We can meet together by day and by night as Baptists,

in clinics, with consultants, with orientation, with training sessions and with multiplied programs, but all of these meetings to study methods will not result in the needed motivation. Our people may still be void of a strong and

abiding inward urge to share the message of the Lord with others. One may learn the contents of the message, the worthiness of the mission, and the skills of the best methods, and still have no real desire. (Continued on page 3)

Baptist Men's Day To Be Held January 22

Thousands of churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention will turn their attention January 22 to missions, particularly the involvement of men.

The occasion is Baptist Men's Day, now in its 37th year as an annual observance sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments.

More than a quarter million men are expected to take part in the event emphasizing missionary education.

Missions is expected to permeate every feature of the week's activities preceding Baptist Men's Day if a packet outlining Baptist Men's Day is followed.

For instance, missions may be the topic for discussion at the prayer meeting on Wednesday preceding the Baptist Men's Day. A fellowship meal with a mission speaker is suggested for Friday night.

Other churches will conduct a retreat on Friday night and

Saturday at a camp, club house, or lodge to consider in depth the subject, "The Family Witnessing."

Many churches are expected to conduct a prayer breakfast on Sunday morning, using recorded messages by the executive secretaries of the Home and Foreign Boards and the Brotherhood Commission from the packet.

Laymen and pastors will bring messages on missions and involvement of men at the morning worship service. Topic for three-minute testimonies by men are "The Mission of the Church," "Missions, a Personal Responsibility," "My Church in Mission Action," or "Making Our Mission Meaningful—Study and Action."

Men's choirs will highlight the emphasis at worship services Sunday night.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, gave this report of last year's activities for Baptist Men's Day in 17,060 churches.

"Two out of five churches kicked off Baptist Men's Day with a men's fellowship meal. Men gave their testimonies in seven out of ten churches during the departmental assemblies of the Sunday School and Training Union. Men delivered messages during the worship services in four out of five churches, with a layman reading the Scripture passage in every church."

Henry Speaks At N. O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—Anti-intellectual trends among evangelicals are as much a threat to the survival of Christianity as an anti-evangelical temper among liberals, the editor of Christianity Today, Carl F. H. Henry said at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Henry, chairman of the recent World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, addressed the second annual Southern Baptist Evangelist Workshop at the seminary.

He called for the emergency of theologian-evangelists and evangelist-theologians, saying that Christianity must adapt to theological renewal if it is to become a strong intellectual force in the closing third of the twentieth century.

"The ferment of ideas in the modern world places new demands upon evangelical Christianity for a bold and competent articulation of the Christian interpretation of life and reality," Henry said.

"Every evangelical seminary and college needs to be called afresh to theological earnestness and biblical studies," he said.

Henry also called for evangelical Christianity "to bring itself effectively under the word of God in the correlation of Christian conviction with all the currents of modern living."

Growth Sought By Leaders Of BSSB

NASHVILLE (BP)—A call for the birth of a new era in Southern Baptist growth went out to leaders attending the annual meeting of state Baptist secretaries at the SBC Sunday School Board here.

The meeting drew approximately 400 state Sunday School, Training Union, church music and student secretaries and their associates as well as state Baptist executive secretaries.

Speaking to the Sunday School secretaries on their closing session, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, called for a more concerted effort on growth.

"Growth," said Sullivan, "represents immortal souls, each one worth more than the wealth of the world."

Directing his remarks specifically to the Sunday School leaders, he stated "If the Sunday School doesn't move out, then neither will the other organizations."

"If we fumble the ball here," continued Sullivan, "we do it on the front pages of our denominational papers."

And if we are criticized by them for it, we deserve it."

Sullivan stressed the need of goals toward which Southern Baptists could work. These goals must reflect the past as well as look to the future, Sullivan indicated.

He challenged the Sunday School secretaries to turn their eyes to the future. "No man can serve the future if he is glued to the past. When the people are chained to the past, it anchors the future."

"Goals are necessary," said Sullivan, "to keep Southern Baptists from going in circles. Maybe our problem is that we have undertaken too many things in too many ways to do any one thing really well."

Earlier, the state secretaries, including Woman's Missionary Union executive secretaries, and representatives from Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission, participated in a daylong joint session on grading.

The group asked for comments on grouping and grading as part of a study which is being carried on by the church program organizations.

In separate sessions the 1967-68 programs of Sunday School, Training Union, church music, church architecture and student work received major attention through interpretation and discussion.

State student secretaries honored Charles Rosselle of Tennessee and Chester Durham of Kentucky for 25 years of service in Student work.

W. Hines Sims, secretary of the board's church music department, was honored for 20 years of service to the board. He was presented plaques signed by state music secretaries and department secretaries.

State Training Union secretaries held a memorial service for James Perry Morgan, Training Union secretary for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who died Oct. 6, 1966.

The next annual meeting of state secretaries will be held Dec. 11-15, 1967 in Nashville.



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PSALM 16:11 "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy: . . . Showing others the path of life will bring unspeakable joy, even the angels in heaven rejoice over one soul coming to him."

Year 1966 Was Plateau Of Many Great Issues

By Norman B. Rohrer,
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History has once again triumphed over time, and the sands of 1966 have all run through the glass.

This was the year of the flying automobile, of paper clothes, of automatic food blenders that mix, cook and serve, and of mockups of bigger and faster jetliners.

The Great Issues were still with us, but there were no major innovations to rock the social strata. 1966 was a philosophical, political and religious plateau. Civil rights gains held firm; blueprints for Church mergers brought denominations of similar persuasion and practice closer together; missionary advance struggled to hold its ground without large-scale breakthrough and the war in Vietnam ground on.

It was a year which ended in a show of unity for evangelicals worldwide who gathered in Berlin, a year when world population grew at a net gain of 2.14 persons every second, bringing world population closer and closer to four billion people.

Missionary Advance
Churches in developing nations continued to plead for partnership and for "freedom, not isolation or paternalism."

It wasn't always easy. Ten days into the year a couple with the United Church of Christ was expelled from Rhodesia. Another couple was "hounded out" of Zambia and by May 31, all missionaries to Burma (including 58 Americans) had to leave. The United Church of Canada, at its 22nd biennial General Council, warned that world missionary work is changing so swiftly already Christians

are the targets of Buddhist, Moslem and Hindu converts.

Evangelism-in-Depth gained strength in its sixth year of strategy in Latin America. Delegates to the Latin America Mission's Evangelism Institute in August included several from the USA who planned to use the evangelism technique in the Alleghany Mountains of Pennsylvania.

Pakistani Methodists sent a missionary to England in 1966 to serve the estimated 200,000 Pakistanis in the British Isles.

A rash of hypocritical indignation followed Beatle John Lennon's caustic remark that "The Beatles are more popular than Jesus now," but the Kingdom founded on love continued anyhow to make front-page news.

Christians among India's 450 million people numbered 12 million; reports smuggled out of Red China indicated believers there now number 700,000 (as compared with a million in 1949); 27 years of censorship in Spain ended and left evangelicals free to worship, and to start churches again; and despite fierce military action and civil riots nearby, 5,000 people gathered nightly for evangelistic meetings in Saigon sponsored by the Asian Evangelists' Commission in April.

A spring conference in Teresopolis, Brazil, brought together missionaries and Christian leaders from all over South America while a parade in the Dominican Republic sponsored by Evangelists.

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Crusade Council Meets In Mexico

By Alan W. Compton

MEXICO CITY — December 16 — The directory council and regional coordinators for the Crusade of the Americas met in Mexico City this week for the first time since July, when they were elected during the historic organizational meeting for the Crusade in Cali, Colombia. (The Baptist-sponsored Crusade is scheduled for North, Central, and South America in 1969.)

Dr. Rubens Lopes, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, president of the central coordinating committee, called the meeting to order Tuesday morning, December 13. He began by declaring there would be no official language, but that everyone would speak in his own tongue. "We come from many different places, but we are all Baptists, united together in this great endeavor with our Lord," he said. Translators (Spanish, English, and



THE PROMOTION COMMITTEE of the Crusade for the Americas holds a work session during the meeting of the Crusade directory council in Mexico City, December 13-16. Owen Cooper of Mississippi is third from left in the circle.

Dehoney Resigns To Take Louisville Post

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Dr. Wayne Dehoney, immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will become pastor of Kentucky's largest Baptist church—Walnut Street Baptist Church, 1101 S. Third, Louisville.

Dr. Dehoney, current pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, Tenn., has accepted the Walnut congregation's unanimous call, extended on Sunday, January 1.

By late afternoon of the same day, William L. Porter

Walnut's pulpit committee chairman, had received a telegram from Dr. Dehoney stating that he will begin his duties at Walnut Feb. 1.

Dr. Dehoney will fill the pastorate which has been vacant since the death of Dr. William R. Pettigrew, who was pastor for nearly 20 years at Walnut. Dr. Pettigrew died in December 1965. Since that time the assistant pastor, the Rev. Bob Young, has served as interim pastor.

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Crusade Council Meets

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Portuguese) were assigned, and business began.

Much of the work of the council was done in subcommittees which dealt with such matters as calendar of activities through 1970, literature, promotion, and spiritual emphasis. Official posters were selected, and, at the recommendation of the calendar committee, 1967 was designated the year of promotion for the Crusade, 1968, of preparation, 1969, of realization, and 1970, of conservation. It was emphasized that 1970 will probably be the most important year of all.

The result of the meeting was a well-oiled machine, ready to begin functioning. Through the regional coordinators the proposed activities for the Crusade will go to Baptist conventions and local churches throughout the 25 nations where Baptists will participate in the campaign.

It was agreed that all decisions will be presented in the form of suggestions and that, in true Baptist tradition, each convention and church will adapt within the framework of its own organization. However, it was the hope of all present that as much effort as possible will be given to making the Crusade of the Americas a simultaneous movement.

Much emphasis was given to the role of the local church in the Crusade. It is felt that the greatest contribution the Crusade could make would be to bring about revival in the Baptist churches of the Americas. "If this Crusade does not have its base in the local church, it may fail," was a statement constantly repeated during the proceedings. Also, it was continually voiced in devotional moments and at other times that power for the Crusade will not come through the plans made, nor through organization and promotion, but rather through the Holy Spirit.

The representatives adjourned late Friday afternoon, December 16. Their next meeting will be held on the campus of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., July 25-29, 1967. It will be attended by national coordinators and technical advisers from all countries involved in the Crusade.

Dr. Lopez closed the meeting: "We have worked hard, day and night, and many decisions have been made. The Crusade of the Americas has

now been put into motion. May it be a Crusade that does not last, just through 1970, but forever."

At a citywide Baptist rally that evening Dr. Lopez challenged not only Mexican Baptists but Baptists throughout the Americas to unite under one banner, the banner of Christ. "All Baptists of the Americas, although proclaiming in several languages, will really proclaim the same message, 'Christ, the Only Hope,'" he declared.

MEXICO CITY (BP) — A plea for Baptists throughout North, South and Central America to devote a day of prayer for a 1969 Baptist hemispheric-wide evangelistic effort was issued here during a meeting of the Directory Council of the Crusade of the Americas.

Date suggested for the day of prayer was Sunday, Jan. 8, 1967, and the second Sunday in January in 1968 and 1969.

The call to prayer was issued by Reubens Lopez, president of the Crusade of the Americas organization and pastor from São Paulo, Brazil.

In other major action, the Directory Council, which functions as the executive committee of the crusade organization, adopted a \$94,000 budget for its central Coordinating Committee.

The budget, which will be contributed to by Baptist bodies participating in the crusade, will cover the expenses of the Central Coordinating Committee, and the five regional coordinators' offices for the crusade, with exception of the regional coordinator's office for North America, which will be financed by the division of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The tentative 1967 budget does not include amounts to be used for local arrangements in each country or by each Baptist body participating in the crusade, but only for the hemispheric-wide organization.

A tentative calendar was outlined during the meeting here, calling for the next meeting of the big 50-member Central Coordinating Committee to be held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., on July 25-29 of 1967.

Tentative plans were outlined for a Hemispheric Baptist Laymen's Evangelistic Clinic to be held in Rio de

Janeiro, Brazil, in July of 1968.

Plans call for inviting 750 laymen from throughout the hemisphere to attend the meeting. Baptists from North America would be asked to pay a \$250 registration fee and pay their own expenses to the meeting. The registration fee would be used to help defray expenses of South American laymen.

A 15-member committee is to be appointed to handle details for the laymen's meeting. Although the entire committee was not announced at the meeting, it was disclosed that Owen Cooper, Baptist layman from Yazoo City, Miss., had been requested to be chairman of the committee.

The tentative calendar also suggested use of Sunday School clinics throughout the hemisphere in 1967, and regional evangelism congresses or workshops in 1968. Plans would be mapped for each emphasis on a regional or nationwide basis.

Two Southern Baptists among the 25 persons attend-



PASTOR RUBENS LOPEZ, president of the Crusade of the Americas, presides over a meeting of the directory council at Mexico City in December.

ing the meeting said there was a growing feeling of unity of purpose, and a spirit of "oneness in Christ." Both Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., regional coordinator for North America in the crusade, and John Havlik of the SBC Home Mission Board evangelism division, Atlanta,

cited the sense of unity at the meeting.

Frank Means of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board said that the meeting firmed up the organizational structure of the crusade and brought planning from the theory down to the practical areas of programs of work.

The Year 1966 Was Plateau

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lism-in-Depth on April 3, drew 10,000 marchers through Santo Domingo to a final rally of 15,000 people in the troubled city.

That same month the Congress on the Church's Worldwide Mission convened at Wheaton College April 9-16, sponsored jointly by EFMA and IFMA "out of a deep concern to bring the supreme task of the Church into Biblical focus." The sessions drew 1,000 delegates representing more than 250 church and missionary organizations. They declared in the official "Wheaton Declaration" their willingness to stand together "against religious movements that challenge the uniqueness and finality of Biblical Christianity."

Early in the year construction began on the Christian pavilion for the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal. Trans World Radio added Yiddish as its 25th language broadcast from Monte Carlo. ELO and the Moody Literature Mission held workshops in Chicago and preparation for the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, "an idea whose time has come," swung into high gear.

Social Issues

As the probing finger of science opened the door to new discoveries, troublesome new issues were raised. Doctors asked ministers the bounds of their responsibilities now that mental and physical defects could be detected before birth. The question of birth control continued to divide opinion as did therapeutic abortion and scientists moved closer to control of life by cracking the genetic code which would allow man to determine characteristics of children before birth.

The 89th Congress' roll call remained: 404 Protestants, 108 Roman Catholics and 17 Jews. "Wednesdays in Washington" began bringing clergymen to the capital to air their opinions on the Vietnam

War. More and more churches participated in the U.S. anti-poverty campaign and a test case in Maryland upheld tax-exempt status for church buildings and synagogues. Many saw the Jeffersonian principle of separation of church and state in danger. Toward the end of summer the first family was in the religious news when Luci Baines Johnson, daughter of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, married Roman Catholic Pat Nugent August 6 in the nation's largest Catholic church — the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Laws against pornography and draft dodgers tightened while the U.S. government asked two periodicals — The Christian Century of Chicago and The Churchman of St. Petersburg — to show cause why they should not have their tax exempt status revoked.

The year found ministers on bar stools in nightclubs talking about the relevancy of the Gospel, in the fields helping migrant farm workers battle for higher wages and at the head of civil rights marches. A weakened Ku Klux Klan wildly picketed a Lutheran minister in Lincoln, N. C. while Northern peacemakers pondered how to stay in business while showing Negro clients the houses they wanted to buy. "Black Power" first escaped the lips of civil rights leaders in 1966 and a church in Georgia fired its ministerial staff when a colored foreign student was admitted for worship.

The British House of Commons, by a surprising majority, voted to legalize homosexual acts in private between consenting adults, and an official British church body drafted a permissive document on extra-marital sex.

The "God Is Dead" issue, called by Reinhold Niebuhr "confusing and futile," began petering out, as did the once-

strong surge of glossolalia. The hallucinatory drug LSD came up strong and police everywhere cited narcotics as an increasingly grave problem, especially among youth. The fanatical Japanese sect Soka Gakkai claimed to have some 30,000 active members in the U.S. in 1966 while Baptists all over the world counted their membership at 27,127,963. Marxists admitted they face the problem of man's "deeper, inner world" with no solutions through economic and social reorganization.

The Scriptures

The Word endured more translations, including The Jerusalem Bible, the RSV—Roman Catholic version, and the translation into Spanish of the Scofield Reference Bible. This was the sequel to the centennial of the American Bible Society (which called 1966 the "Year of the Bible") and President Johnson commended the annual ABS Thanksgiving - to - Christmas worldwide Bible reading emphasis as "a reminder of the traditions on which America was founded."

In honor of the Wycliffe Bible Translators, Congress set aside September 30 as "Bible Translation Day." In Korea, counterfeit Bibles with distorted texts were found to be serving North Korean Communist propaganda purposes. Lebanese and others in the Arab-speaking world celebrated the 100th anniversary of the translation of the Bible into their language.

Education

Early in the year Senator Everett Dirksen opened the prayer-in-classroom issue by seeking to have the Supreme Court's decision reversed. It failed in the summer by nine votes.

Meanwhile, Oklahoma City's school Bible reading program was ruled illegal; the distribution in public schools of New Testaments by The Gideons in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and in San Luis Obispo, Calif. was ordered stopped.

50 Leading Churches

In Percentage Giving To The Cooperative Program

Church and Pastor	Membership	Percentage
1. First, Pontotoc—Layon Moore	821	28.57
2. First, Yazoo City—J. F. Yates	1,456	26.82
3. Meadowood (Monroe)—H. B. Nail	202	24.30
3. West Kemper (Kemper)—	73	23.28
5. First, New Albany—W. F. Evans	1,181	23.17
6. Bruce—Kermit McGregor	695	23.12
7. First, Natchez—Tom Dunlap	1,257	22.47
8. First, Quitman	757	21.37
9. Monticello—James Hayrell	481	20.88
10. First, Leland—James Richardson	1,096	20.76
11. First, Batesville—J. R. Davis	1,182	20.72
12. First, Magee—Mel Craft	827	20.64
13. Pelahatchie—Carl Savell	315	20.35
14. Kewanee (Lauderdale)—R. H. Cherry	56	20.17
15. First, Grenada—Bob Leavell	1,479	19.89
16. First, Jackson—W. D. Hudgins	4,792	19.40
17. First, Okolona—Allison Bell	438	19.06
18. First, Mendenhall—N. F. Davis, Jr.	854	18.92
19. Prentiss—L. E. Green	649	18.69
20. First, Laurel—T. R. McKibbens	1,111	18.54
21. Colonial Hgts., Jackson—Sam Mason, Jr.	497	18.30
22. First, Meridian—B. V. Tinnin	2,252	18.26
23. Parkway, Natchez—Fred Robertson	666	18.14
24. First, Kosciusko—Harold Kitchings	1,511	18.04
25. Broadmoor, Jackson—David Grant	2,500	17.95
26. Dixie (Lebanon)—R. C. Woodham	294	17.82
27. Coldwater—John Brigman	301	17.70
28. First, Calhoun City—Bill Baker	710	17.66
29. Myrtle—Percy Hay	161	17.54
30. Gregory Chapel (Monroe)—H. V. Brown	82	17.45
31. Parkway, Kosciusko—Harold Hilburn	336	17.37
32. First, Amory—Dan Morton	866	17.01
33. First, Aberdeen—James Fancher	824	16.91
34. 15th Avenue, Meridian—Bob Simmons	1,285	16.40
35. Calvary, Jackson—Joe Tuten	4,230	16.35
36. Robinson St., Jackson—John McDonald	683	16.27
37. First, Morton—W. H. Ross	629	16.26
38. East End, Columbus—G. C. Sansing	758	16.18
39. Coffeeville—G. B. Basden	436	16.10
40. Hillcrest (Union County)—Wayne Neal	73	16.03
41. Calvary, Tupelo—John Traylor, Jr.	1,246	15.94
42. First, Ripley—Robert Martin	625	15.85
43. Collins—Joseph Ratcliff	584	15.81
44. Friendship (Pike)—Charles Taylor	520	15.74
First, Greenville—Perry Claxton	2,977	15.74
46. First, Newton—Joseph Triplett	1,179	15.66
47. Sardis—Charles Conley	469	15.07
48. Indian Springs (Jones)—S. R. Pridgen	469	14.90
49. First, Brookhaven—Bob Ramsay	1,953	14.89
50. Hickory—H. L. Davis	283	14.86

one parent's complaint brought to a halt all Bible reading in Shelby County (Tennessee) schools this year and shared time in Wisconsin was abruptly ruled illegal.

In Massachusetts Governor John Volpe signed into law a bill permitting public schools to open with a period of silent meditation. Parochial schools in Massachusetts were held eligible for federal aid by Attorney General Edward W. Brooke and textbook aid buying for parochial schools continued in New York despite court ruling against it. Senator Dirksen formed a committee which included Daniel A. Poling and Billy Graham to keep fighting for a reversal of the law.

Deaths

Death took Mrs. Charles E. Fuller, heard for 35 years over the Old Fashioned Revival Hour with her husband as she read letters from listeners, five days before her 80th birthday. Dr. Emil Brunner, famed Swiss theologian, died at 77 and Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, founder of the Christian Century which he edited for 40 years, died in Chicago at 91. Dead of leukemia was Roy Laurin at 67 in mid summer.

Ecumenical Unity

More and more leaders were caught up this year in the frantic search for Christian unity. A Lutheran professor at Yale declared that Protestant-Catholic theological disputes were now "obsolete." World Council of Churches president Eugene Carson Blake said the Catholic Church is now eligible for membership in the WCC. A Presbyterian clergyman joined a Catholic college faculty and a full-time Catholic chaplain joined a Methodist hospital. A Cardinal and a Jew shared \$500,000 in a Protestant's will. Catholics and Protestants joined in conducting a Bible school in Buffalo.

The Consultation on Church Union predicted that in 10 to 20 years a united church of 25 million people would be possible with the merger of

seven major U.S. denominations.

A Show of Strength and Unity

The news of evangelicals was not all a scattering of unrelated activity. The World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin, Oct. 26-Nov. 4, was a demonstration of what Christians can do together when they have a common concern for evangelism. In the words of one, "the wheat was so high we could not see the fences." More than 1,111 delegates and observers from 104 countries filled the Kongresshalle each day for 10 days searching for new methods to evangelize the world in this generation. The meeting was sponsored by Christianity Today magazine. Billy Graham was honorary chairman.

Innovations

A fixed date for Easter was finally found — at least in Great Britain. The Church of England settled on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April as Easter henceforth.

Religious "ads" in newspapers and on TV stirred thoughts about God in many cities.

A church leader proposed that denominations try "churches on wheels" to counter the high cost of maintaining places of worship and a church in Medford, Oregon paid the city \$500 in appreciation for the benefits of city services.

Billy Graham crusades drew a total of 278,700 to Textile Hall in Greenville, S.C. during the 10-day Southern Piedmont Crusade among whom 7,311 made decisions for Christ. In England, his summer crusade in Earls Court drew an aggregate attendance of 946,359, with 40,000 people responding to the invitation. The eight-day Berlin Crusade saw 80,000 people gathered Oct. 16-23 to hear the Gospel.

It was a good year for telling the message from the old, old past which unveiled for many a bright hope for tomorrow.

50 Leading Churches

IN TOTAL GIVING TO THE Cooperative Program

(For Convention Year 1965-66)

Church and Pastor	Amount
1. First, Jackson — W. D. Hudgins	\$92,978.88
2. Calvary, Jackson — Joe Tuten	69,197.56
3. First, Greenville — Perry Claxton	46,804.29
4. Broadmoor, Jackson — David Grant	44,880.95
5. First, Columbus — S. R. Woodson	41,168.06
6. First, Meridian — Beverly Tinnin	41,137.36
7. First, Yazoo City — James Yates	39,053.67
8. First, Starkville — D. C. Applegate	33,034.66
9. Alta Woods, Jackson — Joe Cothen	30,901.62
10. First, Grenada — Bob Leavell	29,421.81
11. First, Brookhaven — Bob Ramsay	29,096.07
12. First, Natchez — Tom Dunlap	28,250.50
13. First, New Albany — Wm. F. Evans	27,367.59
14. First, Kosciusko — Harold Kitchings	27,272.88
15. First, Gulfport — Wm. G. Tanner	26,450.79
16. First, Vicksburg — John G. McCall	25,081.55
17. First, Pascagoula — C. W. McMurray	24,999.21
18. Parkway, Jackson — Bill Causey	24,706.80
19. First McComb — Wyatt Hunter	24,591.75
20. First, Hattiesburg —	24,581.51
21. First, Batesville — J. R. Davis	24,492.88
22. First, Pontotoc — Layon Moore	23,463.78
23. First, Leland — James Richardson	22,762.74
24. Woodland Hills, Jackson — Fuller Saunders	22,655.62
25. First, Columbia — Howard Aultman	22,623.21
26. First, Clinton — Russell McIntire	21,967.47
27. First, Oxford — Wayne Coleman	21,255.74
28. Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian — Bob Simmons	21,079.71
29. Ridgecrest, Jackson —	20,672.04
30. First, Laurel — T. R. McKibbens	20,603.77
31. First, Crystal Springs — Estus Mason	20,314.60
32. Main Street, Hattiesburg — John Barnes, Jr.	20,199.59
33. Calvary, Tupelo — John Traylor	19,868.44
34. Harrisburg, Tupelo — Bob Hamblin	19,119.25
35. First, West Point — Jimmy Hipp	18,557.42
36. First, Newton — Joe Triplett	18,470.29
37. Highland, Meridian — Raymond Parker	18,435.69
38. Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian — Harold O'Chester	17,223.35
39. First, Magee — Mel Craft	17,076.39
40. First, Quitman —	16,182.62
41. First, Mendenhall — N. F. Davis	16,161.97
42. Bruce, Bruce — Kermit McGregor	16,068.98
43. South Side, Meridian — Maurice Clayton	15,523.22
44. First, Picayune — Carless Evans	15,324.29
45. First, Biloxi — Larry Rohman	15,252.88
46. First, Amory — Dan Morton	14,739.31
47. Clarksdale, Clarksdale — Lucious Marion	13,994.38
48. First, Aberdeen — James Fancher	13,939.95
49. First, Philadelphia — Roy Cullum	13,764.36
50. First, Canton — Johnny Lee Taylor	13,317.82



CHRISTMAS VISIT IN VIETNAM. SAIGON, South Vietnam—Troops at Tan Son Nhut airbase near Saigon gather around Evangelist Billy Graham as he starts a round of Christmas visits in the war zone. He also talked to wounded servicemen in a field hospital in Saigon. —EWS Photo

Motivation Is Missing Link

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to do the work of our Master. The motivation may still be lacking. Sometimes we actually have so many meetings in which we talk about the mission, the message, and the methods, that no time is left to put into practice what we have discussed, even if we had the motivation.

Mission vs Motivation
We may be strong in our emphasis upon the mission, but rather weak when it comes to motivation. We know the mission of a New Testament Church in world wide evangelism, which really includes evangelizing the lost and edifying the saved. We have a worthy plan for cooperatively spreading the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. We call ourselves Missionary Baptists, and we believe in missions. What is wrong with us, however, when we can preach a sermon on missions, teach a Sunday School lesson on missions, give a missionary part on a Training Union, Brotherhood or W.M.U. program, and then lack the motivation to pick up our Bible and go around the block, across the street, or across town to really witness to a lost soul? We can become professional and perfunctory in our talk about, and attitudes toward our missions, message, meetings and methods; but not have an inward and persevering urge to put into practice that on which we have given a well prepared speech.

If this is so true of the leaders among us, what hope have we to motivate the unmotivated, and the unenlightened? Southern Baptists have developed some of the best methods for doing organized work that can be found anywhere. We have our colleges, our seminaries, our specialized leaders and consultants, our study course books, our Training Union, our periodicals, our films, and film strips all engaged, to some extent, in teaching our people better methods for doing the Lord's work. While we have an accumulation of "know how," we have a great deficiency when it comes to motivation for application. How can we get the people to want to do what they have learned to do? How can we get our church members to want to witness to the lost after they have studied a book of methods on witnessing?

People of The Book
We claim to be a people of the Book. We rightfully emphasize the importance of knowing, living by, and proclaiming God's word as our message, and as our sole rule of faith and practice. We cherish God's word, and believe that it is universal in its appeal and adequacy. We boast that we have no creed but the Bible, but our weakness is in the missing link of a strong motivation to share this message with the whole world.

We believe in God called messengers to represent Him as His commissioned ambassadors. We believe that God's messengers are, and ought to be called and sent of the Lord. We also believe that every true child of God ought to be a witness for Jesus Christ. The weakness in our work of witnessing seems to lie in a lack of such motivation as would move us out of our complacency into the fields that are white unto harvest. It seems that instead of recognizing the basic problem of a lack of motivation we are trying to work around the problem and have engaged in quite a bit of trial and error in an effort to come up with some scheme that will get the work done. This story of trial and error, and of experimenting with ways to get the Lord's work accomplished would include many discouraging failures. The arm of the flesh as a substitute for the arm of God will lead to failure. Advertising, art, advance movements, and anniversaries have failed to supply the motive that comes only from God. Cheering squads, celebrations, ceremonies, canvasses, campaigns, crusades, contests, coaxing, cajoling, coercion, coaching clinics, consultants, conventions, and conferences will not take the place of the motivating force of the Holy Spirit of God moving within the hearts of His children.

Methods Not Enough
We have tried displays, demonstrations, dramas, and delegating; but these have come to naught when the motivating power of God was absent.

We have tried experts, emotional excitement, increased effort, intensive endeavor, worldly enthusiasm, all out enlistment, entertainment, and external stimuli; but all to no avail when the motivating power of God was absent. We have tried fun, food, fellowship, fads, and fashions that have vanished with the passing of the hour so far as motivating people to serve the Lord is concerned. We have experimented with gimmicks, gadgets, grand stand stunts, glamour, parades, and goals galore, but they all have borne no fruit to the glory of God. Interest centers, involvement and man made inspiration will not suffice to cause people to persevere for the Lord. One of our most overworked words today is, "Involvement." It is often used with the connotation of a sort of super-imposed and super-induced force that gets people unwittingly and unwillingly entangled in an activity or a procedure. To involve a person in an activity is not necessarily to motivate that person in an attitude and in an achievement. I can involve a five year old child in writing his name by placing my hand over his and moving and guiding his hand the way I want it to go, but at heart the child may have no real interest in writing his name, and no further motivation to do it after his hand is freed from mine.

Inward Urge Necessary
We have often multiplied our methods, and revised our methods, but such will not take the place of an inward urge wrought by a flaming love for God. Pumping, priming, probing, pep rallies, high pressure promotional schemes, publicity stunts, and prizes will not take the place of God's motivating force. Races, rackets, schemes, slogans, tricks, treats, and treatments will come to naught as substitutes for the



Mrs. Jerry St. John
**Named As
'Outstanding
Young Woman'**

Mrs. Jerry St. John of Jackson has been selected to appear in the 1966 edition of **Outstanding Young Women of America**, an annual biographical compilation of 6,000 outstanding young women between the ages of 21 and 35. These young women have distinguished themselves in religious, civic, and professional activities. Selections are made by the Board of Advisory Editors.

Mrs. St. John, the former Erle Kessinger, was born in Conway, Arkansas, the daughter of Mrs. Ollie Kessinger and the late Ernest Kessinger. She graduated from Ouachita Baptist University. She and Mr. St. John were appointed by the Home Mission Board in July, 1963, to work with the deaf in Mississippi. Before that time they had worked with the deaf in Oakland, California, where Mrs. St. John helped interpret worship services, and taught deaf beginners.

One of her chief responsibilities now is with the Silent WMU at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, where the St. Johns are members. She also helps her husband in his work, including interpreting in church meetings and other places, and teaching sign language to any hearing people interested in learning to talk with the deaf.

She and her husband have two sons, David, 6, and Paul, 4. David is a first grader at Sykes School, where Mrs. St. John is active in PTA.

desire within to be pleasing to God. Holy zeal cannot be produced within by any so-called "Whoop 'em up" tactics from without. The wisdom of man has often been substituted for the wisdom of God, but man's wisdom is impotent without the wisdom and power of God.

How then shall we approach this problem of a lack of motivation? We can not corral and regiment people into the work of the Lord by external means. Lasting and acceptable motivation in the Lord's work must begin with an inward experience with the Lord that is so real and genuine that it carries with it an inward motivating force. Motivation to worship, to please, and to serve God is a vital, integral and inseparable part of Christian experience. Shall we call this the basic quality of a built-in motivating force that does accompany every true experience of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? The elements that "make possible" and that are included in the Christian experience are God's love for us—the atoning, redeeming, reconciling, justifying, the convicting, the drawing, the regenerating, and the reassuring power of the Holy Spirit accompanies the gospel message. These divine factors and forces at work to accomplish our salvation carry with them a mighty force to also motivate us in the work of Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us. We are motivated by the provisions of God for our salvation. We are motivated by the experience of, and the assurance of that which the Lord has done for us. We are motivated by the indwelling Christ, the enduring power of the Holy Spirit, the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and by the word of God which is: "A lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our pathway."

Experience With Lord
A rich experience with the Lord will assert itself—it will find expression. Jeremiah had a fire burning in his bones, and to him this was motivation. Paul said: "The love of Christ constraineth us" (2 Cor. 5:14), and to him this was motivation. The early apostles could not but speak the things which they had seen and heard, and to them this was motivation (Acts 4:20). David said: "I will declare what the Lord has done for my soul" (Psalm 66:16), and to him this was motivation.

Inward motivation, or desire, to serve the Lord ought to be standard equipment for every true child of God. We should not have to be begged, or coaxed into doing that which is acceptable to God, and expected by Him. We cannot conceive of an artisan well having to be pumped and primed to make it give forth its waters. Jesus said to the Samaritan women: "Whosoever shall drink of the water that I shall give him there shall be within him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

Woman's Missionary Union

What: Home Mission Graded Series

The Home Mission Graded Series features pioneer work in the Great Lakes area.

L. H. Moore has titled his book for adults **Forest Trails to Urban Jungles**. One third of the nation's total population resides in the Great Lakes area. Here is the story of Southern Baptists' response to one of their greatest opportunities for advance.

A Saga Told, by Eva Inlow, is the book which our young people will be studying. Warmly told pulsing with life, this is the story of Southern Baptists' efforts in the Great Lakes region to win our land to Christ.

Intermediates will study **Safari North** by James Hefley. In this story Bill Jenkins helps a family move into a Chicago apartment and sets in motion events that change his life.

A Bugler for Sallateeska is the intriguing title of the Junior book by Floyce Moon. Greg was unhappy when his family moved to Chicago. But it was there partly because of Gramps, a whole new world of adventure opened up

(John 4:14)
The nature of light is to shine. We do not have to persuade a light to shine, and yet Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). We do not have to persuade a rose to give forth its fragrance, or a mocking bird to sing, or the fire to send forth its heat. We do not have to coax the sugar into being sweet, and we do not have to beg an apple tree to bear apples instead of thorns; neither should we need to have to spend so much time and effort enlisting professing Christians to live for the Lord.

Who are we as children of God to spend more time in meetings and methods than we do in actually witnessing to the lost? Who are we to have more motivation to go to a meeting to hear about a method than we have motivation to go from the meeting to tell a lost soul about Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?



Rev. Maurice Clayton
**Hillcrest
Calls Pastor**

Rev. Maurice Clayton has resigned the pastorate of Southside Church, Meridian, to accept the pastorate of Hillcrest Church, Jackson. Pastor at Southside for six years, he began his ministry at Hillcrest on January 1.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary. Other former pastorates include Howe Church, Texas, and Sherman and Tunica Churches in Mississippi.

His wife, Mary, attended Southern Seminary. Their children are Marcelle, age 9, and Samuel, 14.

NURSES: NOTE Correction

The December 15 issue of the Baptist Record carried an article concerning the Baptist Hospital's class in practical nursing which opens this month. Ages of those accepted for this study are 18 to 55 not 18 to 25 as the article erroneously stated.

Don't give anyone a piece of your mind; you need it all yourself.

for all you love make a will... now



JANUARY IS "MAKE YOUR WILL MONTH"

Dehoney Accepts

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Dehoney is widely known in Mississippi, having appeared at numerous conventions and spoken in many churches.

A native of New Raymer, Colo., Dr. Dehoney has visited all Baptist mission fields and traveled more than 300,000 miles during his term as convention president.

He has written three books and has another, "Disciples in Uniform," in preparation.

Dr. Dehoney is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He held pastorates in rural Tennessee as a student and is former pastor of First Baptist Church, Pineville, Ky.; Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky.; and Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

Music 1967 District Vocal Festivals

The Church Music Department is adding a Vocal Section in 1967 to the District Piano Playing and Song Leading Festival Program. The dates are February 16-18. A pamphlet giving complete information, including locations, has been mailed to each church. Recent issues of **The Baptist Record** also carried this information.

RULES FOR VOCALISTS

1. Open to Juniors and Seniors in High School only.
2. Each participant will make two selections. One will be a gospel song; the second, a sacred solo.
3. Each participant will announce the name of the selections and the composers.
4. The vocalist will be judged on the following five points: Interpretation, Accuracy, Tone, Other Effects, and Appearance (Stage deportment and posture).
5. All selections will be sung from memory.
6. There is no limit to the number of participants which may enter from a church.
7. ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE PRE-REGISTERED WILL SING FIRST. PLEASE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 1, 1967.

SELECTIONS FOR VOCALISTS TO USE—Baptist Book Store (Available in High, Medium, or Low)

GOSPEL SONGS:	
God Did a Wonderful Thing For Me	Peterson
Give Me a Vision	Terrell
Crowned or Crucified	McKinney
Flee as a Bird	Dana
Wonderful Peace of My Saviour	Reynolds
The Stranger of Galilee	Morris
SACRED SOLOS:	
Teach Me to Pray	Briggs
The Prayer Perfect	Stenson
Open the Gates of the Temple	Knapp
O Divine Redeemer	Gounod
How Lovely are Thy Dwellings	Liddle
O Lord Most Holy	Frank

A registration card may be secured from the Church Music Department.

Other Planning Committee Members are:
H. G. Earwood, Jr., First Church, Corinth
Dr. Edwin McNeely, Newton
F. Tanner Riley, First Church, Clinton
William H. Sellers, First Church, Canton
Jerry Talley, Oak Forest Church, Jackson
Ralph Taylor, Mississippi College, Clinton

January Make

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Many Neglect

Continuing, Dr. Spencer said that it is hard to understand why so many people neglect to make a will and their families of necessity suffer the consequences. Peter Marshall, the chaplain of the U. S. Senate, died without a will and Mrs. Marshall tells all the trouble and expense she had as a result.

Senator Kerr of Oklahoma, president of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation, neglected to bring his will up to date and it was almost as if he had no will.

There are many sad and unfortunate stories all around if we only knew them.

Dr. Spencer said that a series of seminars on will-making is being planned and that the schedule will be announced soon.

Guatemalan Girls Have Four Camps

Baptist Girls' Auxiliary camps were held in four regions of Guatemala in November and the combined attendance of 159 GAs and counselors was double that in previous years when girls from all parts of the country attended one camp.

This year's campers represented 14 churches, including five churches which had never sent girls to camp before. The camps were held in Guatemala City, in Quezaltenango, city in the western mountain area of the country, in Santiago town on Lake Atitlan in the home territory of the Tzutuhil Indians, and in Bananera, in the banana-producing area of the north coast.

Daily activities included worship, study, handwork, and recreation. One camp featured a GA recognition ceremony in which eight girls became Maidens, two, Princesses, and three, Queens—with a Scepter. This event rated an article in a national daily newspaper.

The core of the teaching staff was made up of the national GA secretary, Mrs. Charles A. Allen, Jr. (Southern Baptist missionary from High Point, N.C.), Pastor and Mrs. Enrique Diaz, and two young women, Elsa Ortiz and Olga Morales.

Former HMB Editor John Caylor Dies

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)—Dr. John Caylor, 72, editor of Home Missions magazine for 14 years, died of cancer here on Dec. 20.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 22 at the First Baptist Church of Little Rock. Courts Redford, former executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, assisted in the services.

While editorial secretary of the Home Mission Board from 1945-1959, Dr. Caylor edited the magazine, more than 120 mission study books, and styled tracts and other printed material for the agency.

He wrote five of the mission books and authored two books of sermons.

A native of Opp, Ala., Dr. Caylor was educated at Howard College (now Samford) in Birmingham and at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He served as a student director, an education director, a college president, and a pastor before coming to the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Caylor is survived by Mrs. Caylor, a son, John Caylor Jr. of Carrollton, Ga., Baptist student union director at West Georgia College; and two daughters, Mrs. Jack Jones of Little Rock and Mrs. C. R. McEllan of Baton Rouge, La.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Building An Evangelistic Church

What should Mississippi Baptists make as their major emphasis in 1967?

That is a difficult question to answer for there are so many needs. Spiritual growth, organizational advance, doctrinal strength, Bible emphasis, stewardship enlistment and missionary concern, are only a part of the emphases needed in almost every church. Any church could give the entire year to promoting any one of them, and not misuse a single moment of time.

Nevertheless, if there is one emphasis needed more than any other, and one which is Biblical, which will strengthen the whole church program, and which will be meeting the greatest needs of today's world, it is evangelism.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists have had a glorious record in evangelism. Nevertheless, achievements in this field have slowed down in recent years, and a new emphasis is needed if the trend is to be turned upward once more.

The Crusade of the Americas in 1969, in which the Baptists of the two continents will join together in a mighty evangelistic crusade, is one of the most far-reaching evangelistic programs ever attempted in Christian history. Moreover, it already has inspired proposals for similar crusades in Europe and Asia.

Plans for the Americas crusade are now being completed, as is revealed in a news story in this issue, and enthusiasm for it will grow in coming months, for 1967 and 1968 will be used as years of preparation.

Preparation time, however, does not mean that we must wait two years before trying to win the lost in the Americas. If we should do that millions of people would slip into eternity without Christ, without further effort being made to win them. The best prepa-

ration for a continental crusade in 1969 is to set great evangelistic programs in the churches now. Churches and denominations with continuous soul-winning programs, are the ones which see the largest results when revival time comes.

Why should not Mississippi Baptists and Southern Baptists make 1967 and 1968 two years of tremendous evangelistic effort? It can be done. If it is to be accomplished it must be in individual churches, although promotion can be on a denominational basis. The denomination, however, cannot have a revival or an evangelistic program for the individual churches. The churches themselves must meet God's conditions, and carry out God's program if they are to experience mighty evangelistic results.

How can evangelism be greatly advanced in Mississippi Baptist churches in 1967 and 1968? Here are a few practical suggestions.

1. Let the whole church be called to dedication to evangelism. A good time to do this is on the denominationally designated Soul Winning Commitment Day next Sunday.

2. Begin to pray daily for souls to be won, and for soul-winners to be enlisted.

3. Provide training for committee soul winners. Pastors, deacons, Sunday school teachers, other organizational leaders and workers, as well as many other members should be trained for personal soul winning. One splendid way to do this is to follow the plans suggested by the Department of Evangelism for soul winning training during the early weeks of this new year.

4. Make evangelism the 1967 emphasis in the pulpit and in every organization of the church.

5. Set up a program of regular weekly soul-winning visitation.

6. Plan for revival meetings during the year, and follow the preparation suggestions in the Southern Baptist Evangelism Planbook.

7. Follow the suggestions and leadership of the state and Southern Baptist departments of evangelism. These departments serve the churches for the one purpose of winning more people to Christ, and they provide many suggestions and helps for evangelism programs.

If we are to reach new heights of evangelism in 1969, the time to begin is now. The place to begin is in each church. Emphasizing the winning of more lost souls, could well be the most important thing that your church does in 1967.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Dry Socks And Letters

From Home

(from Christianity Today)

More than a third of a million of America's finest men will spend this Christmas in Vietnam's guerrilla-infested jungles, grimy foxholes, or unfamiliar Oriental communities. But their thoughts will be centered on their loved ones and homes half a world away. Their only consolation as the holidays draw near is the hope that the Viet Cong will respect the two-day moratorium so that Christmas and New Year's Day may bring brief periods of peace.

We who enjoy the security and comfort of our safeguarded homes must stop and consider our personal responsibilities to these 360,000 fighting men. What are we doing to lighten their heavy load? A former First Lady once said that there are two things that keep up the servicemen's morale more than any other: dry socks and letters from home. We can encourage our men in many ways: (1) by faithfully writing letters to those who know—or perhaps to some we don't know—to tell them that we are thinking of them; (2) by sending appropriate newspaper clippings, church bulletins, personal items, and non-perishable foods; (3) by providing materials that will aid them spiritually—Bibles, practical Christian literature, books on prayer; (4) by informing the chaplain of a man's unit of our interest in a particular person whom he might help in specific ways; (5) by interceding with God daily for our men and letting them know that we are doing so; (6) by praying that this grievous war may soon be ended in such a way that the cause of freedom in Asia may be advanced.

Our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines in Vietnam are devoting the best years of their lives—and in some cases their lives themselves—to the defense of freedom and justice in a world of revolution. Can we do less than remember them in a personal and tangible way, not only at this Christmas season but every day they remain in Vietnam?



Crime statistics from the FBI are highly unreliable, according to many lawyers and sociologists (Time, August 19, 1966 issue). The critics cite the reliance of the FBI on data volunteered by police departments, many of which report crimes in different ways, including not reporting all crimes in order to soothe the public. One dramatic statistic—that US crime is rising "six times faster than the population"—is less alarming when it is pointed out that most crimes have always been committed by those in the 18 to 24 age group; the post-war "baby boom" has increased that age group by 25%.

At least 4 million fraudulent or invalid ballots were cast and counted in the 1964 elections, according to an estimate by the Honest Ballot Association (quoted in Changing Times, October, 1966 issue). This represents about 5 1/2% of the total vote cast, a 5% swing would have defeated forty three United States Senators and one hundred ten Representatives.

In the recent elections New York voted 2 to 1 to amend its State Constitution in order to authorize a State Lottery, with proceeds to support education. New Hampshire approved by nearly 4 to 1 a wider sale of its Lottery tickets. Californians turned down a law to toughen anti-obscenity laws by a vote of 3.2 to 2.5 million. South Carolina overwhelmingly defeated a proposed law allowing the sale of liquor by the drink.

Do high taxes cause people to lose their incentive and quit working? No, it has nothing to do with their continuing to work, or the amount of work they do, according to a report published by the Brookings Institution under the title "Economic Behavior of the Affluent (Newsweek, December 5, 1966). The report stated that "the annual loss of output due to the effect of taxes on work incentives, contrary to popular opinion, appears very small, probably less than one-half of one percent." The study tended to show that the average successful American is one to whom work is a goal in itself.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

January 9—Paul Bolster, faculty, Mississippi College; Thomas T. Boswell, faculty, Mississippi College.

January 10—Mary Nell Jones, Baptist Book Store; Hattie Mae Kuykendall, Baptist Book Store.

January 11—George F. Lee, supt. of missions, Lawrence-Marrion - Walthall Counties; Martin J. Gilbert, Jeff Davis supt. of missions.

January 12—Mrs. Ruth Dunn, Children's Village staff; Kathryn Bearden, Baptist student director, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

January 13—Evelyn George, Baptist Building; Mrs. Jane Greer, Baptist Building.

January 14—James B. McElroy, Clarke College faculty; Brooks Haynes, Blue Mountain College, faculty.

January 15—J. Frank Davis, Wm. Carey College faculty; Mrs. Helen Jackson, instructor, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

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PERSPECTIVE

"Run-Of-The-Mill In '67?"

Mediocre: a word meaning ordinary, common, or run-of-the-mill.

Satan tempted Jesus to be a mediocre Messiah. Never did he suggest that Jesus was not a Messiah. "I don't care if you claim to be the Messiah. But just be a Messiah on my terms. Be an ordinary Messiah, and we shall get along beautifully."

Satan suggested three routes to mediocrity: Selfishness, clownishness, and compromise. If he used his creative power for personal need (stones to bread), he could achieve mediocrity via selfishness. If he went about clowning and jumping from tall buildings, he could achieve mediocrity via showmanship. If he had been less rigid and unbending (worship Satan), he could achieve mediocrity via compromise.

Temptation will be no different in 1967 for you and me. Satan will not beguile you to stop a husband or wife, or a minister or a dedicated layman. He will not suggest you become a non-person, repudiating all identity with yourself and your profession. But he will tempt you to be a mother, father, deacon, truck driver, or public official on his terms. And the kind of person he wants you to be? A mediocre one, of course! Ordinary, that is. Run-of-the-mill.

Former Pastor In Tragic Wreck

Rev. L. G. Camp, Jr., formerly pastor at Pinecrest, Jackson County, was in a wreck near Citronelle, Ala. several weeks ago, and at last report, was still unconscious.

"He and his family need your prayers. He did not have hospital insurance. Any help would be appreciated. Address him at Grand Bay, Alabama," states Rev. J. B. Laney, Jackson Co. supt. of missions.

(We have just received a report that Rev. Camp died.)

Carey Receives \$2,000 Gulf Grant

William Carey College has received a \$2,000 grant for unrestricted use from Gulf Oil Corporation.

It was one of 150 such awards, totalling \$300,000, that Gulf will distribute this year as unrestricted grants to as many universities and colleges under its aid-to-education program.

The check was presented to President J. Ralph Noonhouser by Mr. W. H. Gamble, Sales Manager of Gulf.

Into the Hands of a Faithful Creator



Newest In Books

THE NEW SMITH'S BIBLE DICTIONARY by William Smith (Doubleday, 441 pp., Regular \$4.95; Thumb-indexed \$5.95)

This is a revised edition of the widely used dictionary, which has been popular for more than half a century. It has appeared in numerous editions, and with many changes, but this is the first time in more than 25 years that there has been a complete revision. Under the direction of Reuel G. Lemmons, and a panel of outstanding scholars, including Virtus Gideon of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, the book has been completely rewritten. Every article has been carefully scrutinized, and every needed change on the basis of new scientific knowledge, archeological findings, etc., has been made. Much new Bible knowledge has been discovered in the past 25 years and it has been included here, but along with it is the basic Bible knowledge of the centuries. Here is a low cost, up-to-the-minute handbook, which will be helpful to every Bible student.

THE CROSS IN THE MARKETPLACE by Foy Valentine (Word, 122 pp., \$3.50)

In seven perceptive chapters the author deals with some of the major social issues facing the church and Christians today. He begins by asking "Where is God?" and "What are Christians to do?" in relationships with the world. He follows with a chapter on the Biblical revelation as it relates to "social action", discussing the teachings and practices of the prophets of Jesus, and of the New Testament churches. The new chapter considers the "world in the church" and the "church in the world". This is followed by studies of the Christian and communism, the Christian and race, and the Christian and the moral new morality. The final chapter says that the church cannot go back to its old ways, but must face up to its responsibilities in the modern day. A provocative, challenging book.

PLAIN TALK ON LUKE by Manfred George Gutzke (Zondervan, 190 pp., \$3.95)
Another in the series of

Plain Talk series by one of this generations most widely known Bible teachers. Dr. Gutzke is on the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., and is the teacher on the radio broadcast series "The Bible for You". The author seeks to give a clear presentation and analysis of everything that Jesus is saying, and doing in the chapters of the great gospel by Luke. There is full discussion of great doctrinal truths such as the Virgin Birth. The implications and meaning of this glorious truth are carefully and fully presented. Similar treatment is given to such subjects as the miracles, the death, and the resurrection of Christ. The author is conservative in his theology, and believes that the Bible is the revealed Word of God. The book will be of value to the average Bible student, as well as to the trained one.

God has called us to play the game, not to keep the score.—Vance Havner.

TEXAS COUPLE RETURNS PARAGUAYAN'S VISIT

Last year while in the United States for the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach, Fla., Rev. Jose Missena, of Asuncion, Paraguay, was guest speaker at the Baptist Temple, in Houston, Tex. Recently Pastor and Mrs. Roy E. Ladd, of the Baptist Temple, returned his visit.

In the course of a 15-day stay in Paraguay, Mr. Ladd preached during revival meetings in two churches, addressed several other Baptist

gatherings, baptized converts in a creek adjoining the Baptist campground, brought greetings to local Rotarians, and, with Mrs. Ladd, took part in a Southern Baptist missionary retreat. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd also visited mission work of other Christian groups among Paraguayan Indians and leprosy patients.

After leaving Paraguay they went to Baptist mission stations in Argentina, Brazil, and Panama.

First Church, Stonewall's Children Present Living Christmas Tree

Stonewall First Church made a stunning Christmas service presentation this year—a living Christmas tree made up of 67 choir-robed children.

The December cover of Southern Living magazine featured a color photo of the famous Baptist living Christmas tree choir of Charlotte, N. C.

The Charlotte presentation received such wide-spread favorable attention that they were invited to appear at the White House. Belhaven College has also used the idea with great success. First, Stonewall's setting

featured a tree 27 feet tall. With all decorations in place the full height of the tree was nearer 32-feet.

The children wore choir robes made of red crepe paper, with silver for collars and large green bows. The backs of the hymn books were covered with green paper.

The children's choir was directed by Mrs. Betty Barnes Haefling. This special program was presented at regular service hour 11:00 a.m. Christmas morning. To complete the Christmas theme there was a live manger scene with Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the Three Wise Men.

Whom Are We Baptising?

(Though this article was published in Home Missions and distributed at Ridgecrest, we are using it again for some who have not had the results of the survey taken by the state evangelism secretaries.)

In cooperation with the state secretaries of evangelism, the Home Mission Board's evangelism division designed and distributed a survey which asked pastors to analyze their baptisms in relation to age groups, to Sunday School enrollment to relation (kinship) to church members, and to revivals.

Completed survey forms from 3,996 churches have been received. This represents about 12.5 percent of total churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, and a good cross-section — 1.4 percent of the churches were from pioneer areas, and 5 percent were from new state conventions. The 3,996 churches reported 57,416 baptisms, about 15.6 percent of the denomination's total baptisms for 1964.

Here's how the figures break down by age: 3,994 Primaries, 15,592 Juniors, 5,601 Intermediates, 3,884 Young People and 10,681 Adults. We are not baptizing just our children, although we ought to be baptizing our children. Roman Catholic strategy of evangelism by restricting the practice of birth control was a successful one in spite of what we may think of it. Some who are critical of Southern Baptist evangelism, "they just baptize their children," are not baptizing their children. But Southern Baptists today are baptizing Young People and Adults. These figures projected percentage-wise for last year's baptisms would mean that we baptize 95,592 Adults and 37,500 Young People.

The statement that "98 percent of our converts were enrolled in Sunday School previous to their conversion" is true only of Juniors. Of the age groups, 93.86 percent of the Primaries, 98.53 percent of the Juniors, 88.76 percent of the Intermediates, 74.96 percent of the Young People, and 63.45 percent of the

Adults were enrolled in Sunday School. Churches depending only on the Sunday School to reach Adults evidently are reaching a lower percentage of Adults.

There is a danger of two false conclusions: The first is that the Sunday School has failed and we need something else. The second is that the Sunday School is the only way to reach Adults. There are some Adults that you must win to Christ and church membership before you can enroll them in Sunday School. There are many Adults who can be best won by enrolling them for Bible study, and they will find Christ in the warm fellowship of an evangelistic Sunday School class. Of all those baptized, 86.09 percent were enrolled in Sunday School previous to their conversion and baptism.

Interesting Figures

The most interesting set of figures concerned the relation (kinship) to members of the congregation. 21.18 percent were not related to members. The statement that "we are baptizing only our own families" is not true. More than one of every five converts is not related to members of the congregation.

The Primaries (9.83 percent) showed the least number not related to members of the congregation. The highest percentage not related to members of the congregation were the Adults (48.28 percent). The Young People were almost as high as the Adults (44.11 percent). The Intermediates had 31.47 percent unrelated and the Juniors 17.01 percent unrelated. We are reaching out beyond the families of our church. Though we must be ashamed at how little we are doing, we are doing much better than many Christian groups who have forsaken the old methods for "a new evangelism" of social action or group therapy, or coffee-house conversations.

The fourth section of the survey concerned the relation of the baptized to revivals. Of the total baptisms 40.56 percent were won to Christ and church membership in reviv-

als. The age grouping shows very little significant difference with about the same percentage of Adults as Juniors being won to Christ and church membership in revivals. When more than four out of every ten persons we baptize are won during revivals, we need to revive the revival! Pioneer and new state conventions show a large percentage converted in revivals, but the small number of these churches had almost no effect on the survey. Probably, the new churches have more revivals per year than older churches, and their ratio of baptisms to membership is much better.

Increase in church membership is probably how the historians will judge the growth of our denomination. The two encouraging figures in all SBC statistics are increase in church membership and total baptisms. The baptismal figure cannot be compared with organizational enrollment totals as to decrease or increase in relation to previous years. A decrease in organizational membership, which were all down last year, is serious. But total baptisms is not a membership statistic. Last year, while we had decreases in organizational membership, our total membership increased 171,203 and the previous year the increase was about 200,000.

The encouraging fact is that while the organizations showed a decrease, we still were able to baptize 361,634 people. Though total baptisms decreased 12,754 last year.

The population of the United States as of May 1, 1966, was 196,502,000. The net increase in population in the United States last year was about 2,335,000 people. Our share of this increase might be expected to be 235,000 people. We baptized 361,634. Our increase in membership was 171,203.

The organizations have failed to keep up with even our own membership increase. Our evangelism has continued to show a membership increase that approaches, if it does not exceed, the population growth. This is also against the background of about 160,000 Southern Baptist deaths last year.

If we could show appreciable gains in organization growth, particularly in Sunday School enrollment, it would help our evangelism to cut into the population explosion. The churches that are winning people to Christ today in numbers are doing, with enthusiasm, the same things that churches have been doing, to win people since the days of the apostles. They are praying, witnessing, preaching, and personally winning people to Christ.

Pastors were also asked to rate in order ten factors according to the help they received in winning people to Christ. From California to Maryland they rated the state evangelism conference first. The associational clinics and the Evangelism Plan Book were almost even in second and third. In some states simultaneous revivals were second only to the evangelism conference.

While not absolutely requisite to learning the Vietnamese language, it helps if one has the keen ear of a German shepherd, the rubber face of a clown, and the warbling vocal cords of a mockbird. — Peyton M. Moore, missionary to Vietnam



THE CHINA SEA IS BAPTISTRY for new converts in the Baguio area of the Philippines. Dr. Grover F. Tyner, Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, is conducting the service.

THE REALITY OF FINAL TRANSITION

"MasterControl." Vignette
By Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor
First Baptist Church
McAlester, Oklahoma

Recently we visited the Ford Museum in Detroit, Michigan, and saw a collection of old aircraft which showed the development of the airplane from its very beginning. Though these old planes are not really old in comparison to many things, the changes have come so rapidly that these early planes seem quite ancient. Looking at them we cannot help but wonder how they ever flew. And you just have to admire the courage of the men who flew them. They were pioneers in every sense of the word. One great reason for the rapid development of this industry is the courage of these early pilots. And

when one looks at it, air travel has probably developed more rapidly than any other of man's inventions.

Today's pilot must look at those planes and wonder how they ever flew. And the pilots of those old planes would be lost in the cabin of a modern jet. The maze of instruments, wires, gauges, and other equipment necessary for the modern plane can in no way be compared to the stick which was about the only instrument in these early planes. If they make as much progress in the next few years as they have made in the past few one wonders just what the air craft will look like and what man will be able to do with it. Even those who are working with it can hardly imagine what changes will take place.

The only thing about the airplane that has not changed radically the past few years is the man who flies it. He has learned more about the plane, has learned to use the new inventions, and is able to do more with the improved aircraft; but basically he is still the same man. He is limited by his physical and mental strength. He has an allotted number of years to live, and having lived those years he will pass from the scene leaving his work to other men who may reap benefits from his labor, but who themselves will remain a man just like he is. We may change man's environment and may provide any number of physical comforts but man remains a man.

In reality the only thing that really changes man is death. And death changes him from

physical being to spiritual one. And in that spiritual state he will exist forever. Where he exists is determined by one decision he makes while he is alive. And every individual makes this decision for himself and only for himself. This decision is to accept or reject Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. If a person comes in a positive experience to publicly accept Christ, he becomes a child of God and at death will go to be with God. Unless he has such an experience he is a child of Satan and at death will enter hell. Since death is certain and the change of one from a physical to a spiritual being is a fixed reality, the person who refuses to prepare for it is foolish beyond description and enters into an eternal hell without excuse.

"Get Off The Bench"

By Ernie Perkins, Pastor
Woodland Heights Church
Columbus, Ohio

When big Bill Russell was appointed coach of the world's basketball champions, the Boston Celtics, last year, Southern Baptist preachers should have learned a lesson. For too long the pastor has been a bench warming supervisor when the situation calls for a playing coach. I am talking about personal soul winning.

The average pastor will preach sermons on the merits of personal soul winning. He will write articles in his church bulletins and will usually teach at least one study course each year on the subject. But, he will not practice what he preaches.

There are too many pastors in our convention who simply are not winning people in personal witnessing efforts. Too many of us have found it far easier to invite people to our churches and then feel that our obligation ends there. It doesn't.

We must awake to the fact our laity is not wanting facts

or charts on soul winning tactics. They are wanting an example to set the pace. Until the ministry does so and become real soul winners, the laity never will.

We have approximately 25,000 pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention. If these men would just average winning one person a week our baptisms last year would have been increased by over 300%. It is time, we Southern Baptist pastors get off the bench and into the game.

Baylor Choir Heard On Mutual Network

WACO, Tex. (BP) — The Baylor University Chapel Choir, under the direction of Euell Porter, professor of music, was heard nationwide over the Mutual Broadcasting System Dec. 19.

The choir was the first to be featured in a series of college choirs presented one each day during the Christmas season.

New Year's Customs Around The World

New York (NAPS) — While you may sing "Auld Lang Syne" when the clocks strike 12 on New Year's Eve, your Japanese counterpart may sing "Otanjōbī Omedeto Gozaimasu" ("Happy Birthday To You") for the stroke of midnight means it's everyone's birthday!

Celebrating the first day of a new year is an age-old custom. Nearly all peoples have marked the coming of the year. However, the time selected as New Year's Day has varied widely. The First Day has been celebrated as early as the autumnal equinox, about September 21, and as late as the summer solstice, about June 21.

In most European countries during the Middle Ages, March 25 was the beginning of the New Year.

Since antiquity, Jewish people have celebrated their New Year's late in September or

early October. The special name which was given this occasion, Rosh Hashanah, means "The Feast of the Trumpets."

With just as much of a roar, the Russian people, long ago, welcomed the New Year in with a hundred cannon shots at midnight.

In ancient China, people took a different approach to the First Day. They cleaned house, paid debts and closed their shops. Then they shot off their firecrackers, and who can ever forget a New Year's in Chinatown of a big American city, with its colorful procession and fiery paper dragons!

Near China, in old Japan, New Year's was a time for everybody to don new clothes, take three days off from work and visit their friends. Each gatepost would be adorned with green pines and bamboo. And over each door would

hang red lobsters, crabs and scarlet tangerines, standing for long life and happiness.

Gypsies in Spain used to marry on New Year's Eve. The 18th century writer George Borrow tells us that a main feature of the bridal ceremony was the feasting associated with it.

Not to be outdone, Italians consider January 1st as part of their Yuletide festival, and so celebrate until Twelfth Night, 12 days after Christmas.

In Vive La France, New Year's Day is so singular that adults exchange presents on January 1st.

Tradition has it that in Scotland the first one in a house on New Year's Day gets a big big bear hug. Midnight Scot celebrators carry cakes to wish their host a good year.

And the same to you!

Excavations Disclose Baptism Practice Of Early Church

By Pat Pattillo Jr.
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) —

The early Christian church apparently did not take its baptism rites from the immersion of Jesus in the Jordan River, says an archaeologist who returned recently from a summer of excavation in the Middle East.

"We discovered a baptismal font (baptistry for immersion) in a fifth-century Byzantine church within sight of the Jordan River," says Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of Biblical archaeology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"If the church had considered its baptism a repetition of Jesus' immersion in the Jordan, it never would have built a separate font in the church, but would have taken converts down to the river itself."

"Instead, they emphasized in their ceremony the death, burial and resurrection of Christ in a font carved from stone, as if a tomb, but with a cruciform cavity," the expedition leader continued.

The Byzantine church, which dates to within 100 years of Constantine's conversion to Christianity, was a bonus excavation. The team of 24 professional archaeologists which Callaway directed had as its major objective the second phase of uncovering the ancient site of Ai, second city captured by Joshua.

"The city of Ai was a large acropolis built about 5,000 years ago—around 2,500 B.C.—and covered 25 acres," Callaway reported.

"The familiar Jericho-type wall which encircled it had been expanded and filled in over two centuries and was still standing about twelve feet high when we uncovered it," he said. The final width of the wall exceeded forty feet, dating to about 2,500 B.C.

Ai was probably the most extensive city-building project in Palestine up until its time, possibly underwritten by Egypt and directed by a vassal ruler as an Egyptian outpost.

"No doubt the Pharaohs used Ai for exploiting Palestine, and may have recruited Ai citizens to help build the Pyramids," Callaway said. He noted that the only records of such slave-labor begin 1,000 years after Ai, but that it was undoubtedly a common practice much earlier.

Among the artifacts of an



ARCHAEOLOGY "DIG" NEAR THE JORDAN: Professor Joseph Callaway directs an archaeological expedition at the ancient city of Ai, plus an additional "dig" which uncovered an early Byzantine church not far from the Jordan River. (BP Photo)

cient civilization which the team discovered in nearby tombs were two ossuaries—"bone boxes"—made of limestone. They were used for Jewish burials only during the time of Christ, thus are significant in dating ruins in which they are found.

The body of a deceased Jew would be wrapped in cloth and allowed to decay in a tomb, leaving finally only the bones. The bones would be placed in an ossuary and buried under the threshold of the tomb, freeing the cave for re-use.

Two Dozen Workers

Five of the tombs discovered were of the type in which Jesus was buried, each having a large wheel-shaped stone which rolled across the opening to close it.

This is the second year Callaway has led the Ai excavation team for the American Schools of Oriental Research. His two dozen project workers—an international, interdenominational group from Japan, Germany and the United States—directed the digging within a one-acre tract.

As many as 110 Arabs from the site area were employed to do the excavating, and first choice of the findings goes to the Jordan government department of antiquities, which in turn guarantees the archaeologists exclusive rights to dig in the area.

Ai was the object of a "dig" thirty years ago and will probably be dug again after Callaway's findings have been published in 1968-69. Only two per cent of the possible sites in Jordan have been dug, including a very small percentage of Ai itself.

Ai first came to Callaway's attention when he was a post-graduate student at the University of London in 1961. After two summers with Kathleen Kenyon and three with G. Ernest Wright—both distinguished archaeologists—he led his own expedition to Ai in 1964. On both eight-week trips to Jordan, Mrs. Calla-

way has accompanied the professor as camp administrator.

Four-year-old Elizabeth Merritt asks her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Dewey E. Merritt, Southern Baptist missionaries serving in Northern Nigeria; many questions about the Muslims. She gets the simple answer, "They are people who do not believe that Jesus is God's Son." One day Mrs. Merritt heard Elizabeth and her two-year-old sister, Mary Ann, shouting from a window to a passing Muslim, "Jesus is God's Son."

SEMINARY SLATES CHURCH ADMINISTRATION MEETING

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A Southern Baptist Administration Conference for church staffs and lay leaders will be held at New Orleans Seminary, Feb. 13-16, 1967.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, and several other denominational and national business leaders will lecture and direct personal interest conferences during the four-day meeting.

General subject areas are organization and staff administration, leadership development and church public relations. Lectures, small group discussions and personal problem-solving sessions will be held in each subject area. The conference is primarily for pastors, ministers of education and music, church secretaries, age group workers, business managers and lay workers with special interest in church administration.

William H. Souther, associate professor of church administration at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is co-ordinator for the conference.

1,200,000 Recorded In Missions Schools

ATLANTA (BP)—Over one million Southern Baptists in 1966 participated in Schools of Missions conducted by 2,704 churches, the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board reported here.

Alabama led all states in total attendance, reporting 160,645 of the 12 million total.

"This is one of the least costly and most valuable programs a church can put on," Kenneth Day, secretary of the board's missionary education department, said.

Total expenditures averaged about \$47 per church, and for this investment, each received first-hand reports from five missionaries—two foreign missionaries, two home missionaries, and one state-employed missionary.

Purpose of the week-long Schools of Missions is to educate the Southern Baptist constituency in world missions, "from local church missions to the most remote mission field in the world," Day said.

At a meeting of state directors of Schools of Missions in Atlanta, 21 associations reported on the test run of a modified Schools of Missions program referred to as World Mission Institutes.

The pilot projects involved study of mission study books and messages from missionaries, just as in the traditional Schools of Missions, Day said, but the program is condensed into a half-week (Sunday - Wednesday or Thursday - Sunday).

The associations that experimented with the modified program reported good response and requests for it already are coming in for 1967, '68 and '69 programs, Day said.

Visual presentations and stewardship speakers were eliminated from the old format to reduce the conventional six-day program into four night sessions.

The missionaries often use visuals with their messages.

and they always relate their work to stewardship," Day said. "This shorter program should encourage better attendance."

In the two-day meeting, state directors of Schools of Missions also discussed other innovations in missionary education that involve taking better advantage of the missionaries as means of educating church memberships in missions.

Youth-mission conferences and mission emphases on college campuses apparently will be getting increasing attention, Day said.

Indiana Names WMU Secretary

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (BP)—Miss Martha Fellows of Jefferson City, Mo., a Woman's Missionary Union worker for the Missouri Baptist Convention, has been named Woman's Missionary Union secretary for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

For the past five years, Miss Fellows has been Young Women's Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band director for the Woman's Missionary Union department of the Missouri Baptist Convention. Previously she was youth director for several Baptist churches in Texas.



MINISTERIAL STUDENTS AT CLARKE COLLEGE—Left to right, front row: Jeffery Gilder, Howard Hickson, Don Hofmeister, Edward Earl Osburn, John Wade, second row: Donald Breiland, Robert Harrell, John Gainer, Paul Lee, Curtis Hatcher, Dr. John E. Carter, advisor; third row: Billy Therrell, Jon Lerch, Larry Hendricks, Nelson Crozier, Sammy Gilbreath, Wesley Higginbotham; fourth row: James Thomas, Kenneth Baugher, Harold Murray, Emile Rousseau, Richard Smith, Ronnie Burkitt, Angelo Martino, Fred Toomey, Ministerial Association president; fifth row: Theo Wright, Joseph Platt, Ronnie Sharpless, Melvin Page, Jerry Bowden, Jerry Donald; top row: Daniel Patrick, Dr. W. L. Comper, college president; Rev. J. B. Costlow, B. S. U. Director; Bill Servati; Joe Holcomb, Billy Baker, Not pictured: Charles Coker, Morris Holcomb, Frank Cayson, Wm. Joseph Fox, Bobby Bell, John Kirby, Harry Sarasin, John Barnes, Stanley Day, Daniel Springfield, Michael Dunaway, Kenneth Check, Donald Black, Gary Rivers and Judson Meaders.

Missions Conference Will Feature 'Cross And Crossroads' Challenge

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — More than 1,000 college students from the eastern United States are expected to attend the 1967 Baptist Student Missions Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Sem-

inary here, February 24-26. The theme is "The Cross and the Crossroads," and will emphasize the challenges of population explosion, urbanization and world crises as they relate to the church.

Featured speakers will include Charles Boddie, president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee; Charles

Wellborn, chaplain to the Florida State University at Tallahassee; Jasper McPhail, leading heart specialist and missionary surgeon in Vellore, India; and Dale Moody, Joseph Emerson Brown professor of theology at Southern Seminary.

Registration for the conference and further details are available from local Baptist Student Union directors or from the Student Missions Conference, Southern Baptist Seminary, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.

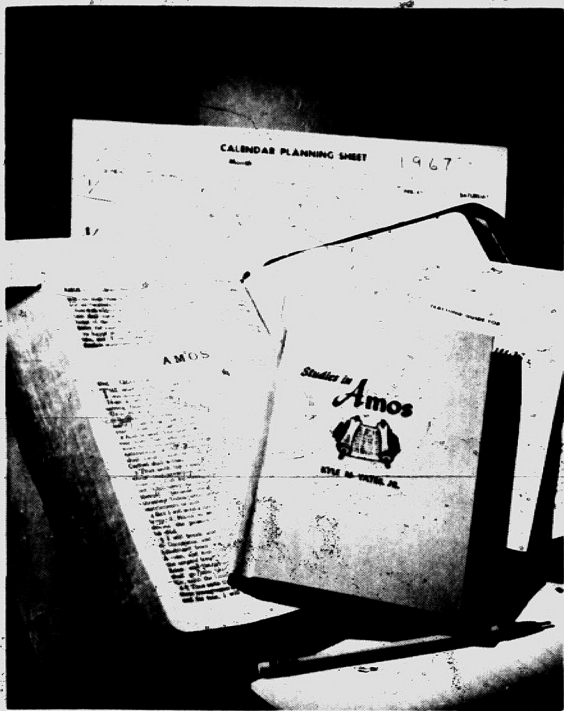


Central, McComb, Burns Note

During the past ten years the people of Central Church have paid their church debt. In a special service December 4, Rev. Bob G. Lynch, pastor, called to the attention of the church that they have paid a \$162,000 debt, over \$50,000 to missions, plus all of the other financial programs of the church. The pastor further stated that they have saved over \$50,000 on the debt by payment seven years ahead of time. Lynch has been pastor of Central Church for seven years, and the church honored the Lynch family for Christmas and for seven years of service with a colored television set. Pictured left to right: L. Regan, trustee; Mrs. E. Leib, charter member; M. T. Long, chairman of deacons; and Mr. Lynch, pastor.

S. C. Foundation Names Associate

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)—Jim M. Cherry Sr., a Baptist businessman here, has been named associate secretary of the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina, effective Jan. 1.



JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK 1967 will give Southern Baptist adults and young people an opportunity to study Amos, yesterday's prophet with a message for today. This annual emphasis, which began in 1948, involves every age group in intensive Bible study.—BSSB Photo

Sunday School



Howard Halsell, Associational Consultant, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be in our state the week of January 16-20 to discuss Extension Bible classes.

This discussion will include Extension Bible classes to start new work, as mission Sunday Schools, and as a feed back to the enrollment of the Sunday School in the local church.

Judd R. Allen, associate in the State Sunday School Department, will be accompanying Mr. Halsell.

Selected associations will be visited and the discussions will be shared with the leadership of these associations.

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DEVOTIONAL— What Happens After Christmas?

By Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

We have just passed through the beautiful and inspiring Christmas Season. It has rich meaning for every Christian. But what now? Let us go to the scripture for our answer. What happened after the birth of Jesus?



The Bible says, "And Mary pondered these things in her heart." What does the birth of Jesus mean to the world and every individual in it? What is the plan and purpose of God? What is the meaning of life? Each of us, even as Mary must have concluded, has a distinctive place in God's plan and His work.

"The shepherds sang a new song." A little girl said to me years ago that immediately after she accepted Christ as her Savior she wanted to tell everybody in the whole world. It is good news to know that we can be saved. It is glorious news that we have been saved. Life takes on a new hue. The weight of the guilt of sin has been lifted. We are new creatures. We are "His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works." It's time to sing a new song of great gratitude, joy, and happiness. Saved! Saved! By His power divine!

But the Bible also says, "the Wise Men went a new way home." For many reasons a person who has encountered Jesus must go "a new way." The old way no longer satisfies. Old habits must be dropped. A new way of love, concern and service is opened to us. Life can never be the same. It has a new meaning. We walk with the King! Hallelujah!



A NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS for the William Carey College Alumni Association were nominated and elected on December 3 at the annual Homecoming business meeting. Shown above, left to right, are president, Alon Colletti; Executive Council member, Barbara Brown; vice-president, Lonnie Earnest; secretary, Beth Ann Funnell; and Executive Council member, Bobby Hood. Alan Nichols, treasurer, was not available for the photo.

MEGGINSON RESIGNS PINEVIEW



Rev. Ray Megginson, pastor at Pineview Church, Jackson County, since January 1, 1962, has accepted the pastorage of Woodlawn Church in Baton Rouge, La. He closed his ministry with Pineview Church on December 25.

The resident membership reported in the 1961 minutes was 140. Current reports list a total membership of 478. Two building programs were conducted which saw a new auditorium, the second unit in the church's building program, and a new pastorage.

Added to the many other duties, Megginson has maintained a week-day radio broadcast.

Churches In The News

Sharon Church, Gulf Coast Association, dedicated a newly finished and furnished auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 11.

Wiggins Church hopes to occupy a new educational building by the middle of January.



YEARS AND YOUTH—Dr. John F. Carter (left), Bible professor now in late 70's recommends Clarke College to his grandson (right) Wayne Carter, of Birmingham, Ala. Dr. Carter is in his thirtieth year of teaching at Clarke. Wayne, 17, is a senior in high school in Birmingham. He is a son of Dr. John T. and Dr. Frances Carter, who teach in the Department of Education at Samford University, Birmingham.

Moyers Resigns As Aide To LBJ

WASHINGTON (BP)—Bill D. Moyers, prominent Baptist, has resigned as White House Press secretary and long-time aide of president Lyndon B. Johnson.

He will become publisher and chief operating officer of Newsday, a daily newspaper in Long Island.

Moyers' resignation is effective the end of January, after work is completed on the president's State of the Union and budget messages to the new Congress.

The 32-year old Texan has been a prime mover in organizing and developing the Great Society task forces and legislative programs.

In 1960 Moyers became a special assistant to Johnson, then the Senate majority leader. He joined the administrative staff of the Peace Corps in 1961, rising to the post of associate director, a position he held until November 1963 when he moved into the White House.

A Baptist minister and a native of Marshall, Tex., Moyers is an honor graduate of the University of Texas, and North Texas State University, Denton, Tex. He served as director of public information at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, where he earned the bachelor of divinity degree.



Beacon St. Calls Music Minister

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia has called Don Babcock as minister of music.

Mr. Babcock, a native of Morrisville, N.Y., is a 1966 graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is also serving as the band director for Neshoba Central High School, Philadelphia.

Mrs. Babcock is the former Ruth Cooper of Taylor, Miss. The couple has three children; Debbie, 10, Glenn, 9, and Kathy, 5.

At Beacon Street, the choirs are being organized and a program is being planned to provide for all age groups. A committee is at work planning the purchase of robes.

Rev. H. S. Rogers is pastor.

Oklahoma Employs State Native

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—Two positions on the staff of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma with offices here have been filled, effective Jan. 1, convention officials have announced.

The two new staff members are Henry Chennault of Davis, Okla., and Miss Fay Pearson of Fayetteville, Ark.

Chennault, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Davis, Okla., has been named associate in the department of missions for the convention, succeeding J. T. Roberts who becomes secretary of the department at the end of the year.

Miss Pearson, educational director of the University Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark., will be state Young Woman's Auxiliary director for the convention's Woman's Missionary Union.

A native of Laurel, Miss., Miss Pearson is a graduate of McNeese State College, Lake Charles, La., and Southwestern Seminary.

The word which God has written on the brow of every man is Hope.—Victor Hugo



FOUR MEMBERS of Boy Scout Troop 202, the oldest Scout troop in Gulfport, were recently presented their Eagle awards by Dr. W. G. Tanner, pastor of First Church, Gulfport, sponsor of the troop. Recipients of Boy Scouting's single highest achievement were Clarence Vaughn Jr., Larry Black III, Keith Dubuison and William Richard Goodwin. The troop has been sponsored by the church for over 30 years. Pictured, left to right: Clarence H. Vaughn, Scoutmaster; Dr. William G. Tanner, pastor; Clarence Vaughn, Jr.; William Lawrence Black III, Keith Dubuison, William Richard Goodwin, and Denham Roberson, Gulfport District Executive.

Former Oklahoma WMU Leader Dies

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—Funeral services were held here Dec. 21 for the woman for whom Oklahoma Baptists named their annual state missions offering.

Mrs. Edna McMillan died Dec. 19 in a Tulsa nursing home. Friends estimated her age to be close to 90, although in recent years she had refused to disclose her age.

For 11 years, Mrs. McMillan served as state president of the Woman's Missionary Union for Oklahoma Baptists. She was also for 10 years chairman of the organization's state advisory board.

Names In The News

Betty Sue Smith, secretary in the state Department of Student Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, is author of a story in January Home Life. The story is entitled "Love Envyeth Not."

Rev. and Mrs. Harry L. Raley, missionaries to Taiwan, spoke at both worship services at First Church, Rutherfordton, North Carolina, Sunday, January 1. Dr. J. D. Hillman is pastor there. Raley is treasurer of the Taiwan Baptist Mission (administrative unit of missionaries). He also serves as pastor of the Light Baptist Church, Taipei, and has charge of the Baptist conference grounds at Grass Mountain, about five miles from Taipei. He and his family live at the conference grounds. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1954, he and Mrs. Raley are now on their second furlough, residing at 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson, Mississippi.

Rev. Ray Jones has accepted the pastorage of Success Church in Gulf Coast Association. He was licensed by Pass Road Church and ordained by Fernwood Church.

Rev. Paul Kirke has accepted a position as associate pastor at First, Pascagoula, where he will major on visitation. He is continuing also to serve as interim pastor at Orange Grove.

Wayne Linderman, student at New Orleans Seminary, has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula. He is a native of Birmingham, Alabama, and a graduate of Samford University.

Rev. R. Eugene Owens, associate professor of preaching at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., and Mrs. Owens were employed by the Foreign Mission Board on December 8 to serve at the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, as missionary associates.

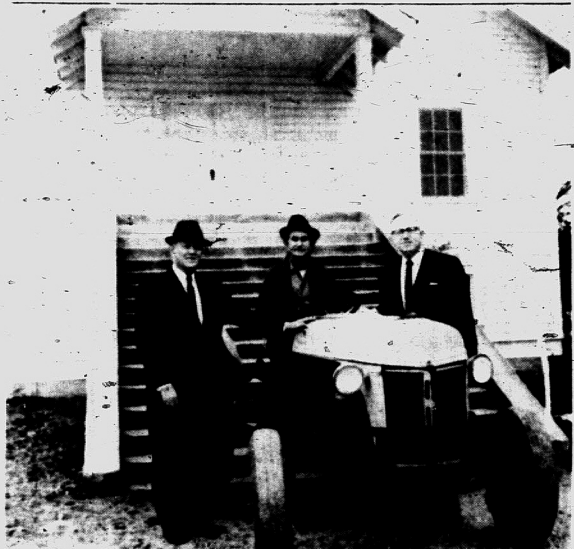
REV. JAMES WALKER, missionary to Rhodesia, was speaker for the Junior Missions Banquet at the Broadmoor Church, Jackson, on December 9. The theme for the banquet was "The World in Our Hearts." W. Mark Moore is Director of Primary-Junior Work at Broadmoor.

Mrs. Melvin (Carol) Parten has joined the church staff of First Church, Yazoo City. She will serve as secretary, with her responsibilities primarily in the area of church records. She previously served as church secretary at Temple Church, Hattiesburg, and Ridgcrest Church, Jackson.

Miss Dorothy Latham, missionary, was scheduled to leave Brazil December 14 for

furlough in the States (her address: Forkville, Miss.). She directs a Baptist good will center and a school in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Born in Rosedale, Miss., she grew up in Forkville. When she was appointed a missionary in 1959 she was a school-teacher in Madden, Miss.

At first, grief comes sweeping over us in thirty-foot waves. Gradually the waves become smaller, and if we trust in His wisdom and goodness and mercy, after a while understanding and acceptance and even joy start to roll in—slowly at first, in small waves, then, as time goes on, larger waves of peace and gratitude come.—Dale Evans Rogers in DEAREST DEBBIE (Fleming H. Revell Company)



Rides Tractor To Sunday School

Bad roads, due mainly to construction, do not prevent O. J. "Shorty" Burnett from going to church. His modern day "horse" of the field, a Fordson Tractor, is one he also rides to church. The only thing short about "Shorty's" church going in this manner is that he has failed so far to construct a "side-saddle" to where his wife, also a faithful church attendant, can ride with him! The gentleman on the left in the picture is P. A. Cockrell, superintendent of the Sunday School, and faithful in all the work of his church and the Smith County Association. Dr. O. P. Moore, the pastor, is on the right. Pastor Moore says, "The Ted Church is small in number, but we have some mighty faithful members. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will almost double the \$90 of last year."

Seminary Graduates 17

The International Baptist Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina, closed its school year in mid-November with the graduation of 17 young men and women. Six men and nine women were granted degrees, and two other women received diplomas for special studies.

Graduation exercises included a special service honoring Dr. W. Lowrey Cooper, Southern Baptist missionary who is resigning as rector (president) of the seminary, and Mrs. Cooper. Natives of Mississippi, Dr. and Mrs. Cooper have spent 28 years at the international seminary and its forerunner, a national seminary in Buenos Aires. He had been rector for 20 years.

Dr. A. Jackson Glaze, Jr., another missionary, was presented as the new rector. Also a Mississippian, he has taught in the seminary 12 years.

Rev. Jose Sami, president of the seminary trustees and pastor of a church near the campus, presided over the service for the Coopers. The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board was represented by Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for Latin America.

The seminary, which educates Baptist workers for Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Bolivia, had 93 students during the past year. A record enrollment of 120 is expected when the new term opens in March, 1967.

Graham To Speak At Education Event

DALLAS (BP)—Evangelist Billy Graham will deliver the keynote address at a major convocation on Christian education in Dallas on Jan. 23, officials of Dallas Baptist College, host for the convocation, have announced.

The Dallas and Tarrant (Fort Worth) Baptist Associations are offering free tickets to the convocation. After Jan. 11, Dallas Baptist College will handle ticket distribution.

Off The Record

3. 2. 1. Clunk!
The astronaut was poised in his capsule, ready to be launched.

"How do you feel?" the reporter asked.

"How would you feel," the astronaut replied, "if you were sitting on top of 150,000 parts—each supplied by the lowest bidder?"

Closing In
The teacher was explaining "distance" to her young class. She asked whether they lived close or far from school.

One mopey replied: "I think I must live pretty close because every time I come home, my mother says, 'Good grief, are you home already?'"

Rx for Happiness
"Doctor, I know it's two in the morning and I'm sorry to phone you so late. But I'm very sad and unhappy. What can you prescribe for me?"

"Well, just hold the phone very close to your ear and I'll whistle a happy tune."

McWho?
An aged couple was listening to a broadcast church service. Both sat in deep contemplation. Half an hour went by. Then suddenly the old man burst into a fit of laughter.

"Sandy!" exclaimed his wife in horrified tones; "why this merriment on the Sabbath?"

"Ah," said Sandy, "the parson's just announced the collection, and here I am safe at home!"

Star Performer
Diggs: "My wife is a wonderful vocalist. Why, I have known her to hold her audience for hours."

Biggs: "Get out!"

Diggs: "After which she would lay it in the cradle and rock it to sleep."

Stop, Look And Ouch!
The careful driver approached the railroad crossing, and, doing as the sign instructed, he stopped, looked and listened. The only sound he heard was that of another car hitting him from the rear.



AT MANTON CHURCH, the above members were recognized for perfect attendance in the Sunday school. Left to right, front row: Kay Scott, 11 years; Donna Duncan, three years; Rhonda Dobb, seven years; Susan Floyd, three years. Second row, left to right: Mrs. Annie Lee Skelton, 14 years; Anna Bess Davis, eight years; Kaye Forrester, six years; Mary Ann Duncan, three years. Back row: Alonso Skelton, two years; and Mrs. Pauline Gibson, 13 years. Rev. Joe B. Walker is the pastor.

BMC Trustees Elect Officers

At the mid-session meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College, the following officers were elected to serve for the new term:

President, Honorable Joe Jack Hurst, attorney, Jackson; Vice-President, Maurice Hill, Ripley, Administrator of the Tippah County Hospital; Secretary, D. H. Guyton, Blue Mountain College Business Manager.

The following new members of the Board of Trustees attended the December meeting along with other Trustees of Mississippi Baptists: Blue Mountain College: Mrs. Price Paschal, Brandon, President of the National Alumnae Association of the College; Rev. Maurice Clayton, pastor of Southside Church, Meridian; Mrs. Allen Puckett, Columbus; and Mr. George Ruff, Tupelo. Dr. W. C. Sandusky, Holly Springs, a long time member of the board, will continue to serve.

Heaven will guard the right.—Shakespeare.

Salvation is a helmet, not a nightcap.—Vance Havner.



Douglas Abel Wiley Abel

Church Licenses Two Brothers

Eastside Church, Belzoni, licensed two brothers, Douglas and Wiley Abel, to preach the gospel, Sunday morning, December 4.

The brothers are the sons of Mrs. Joseph L. Abel and the late Deacon Joseph L. Abel.

Douglas is a senior and Wiley a sophomore in the Belzoni High School. Both young men have been very active in the ministries of the church as well as youth revivals in the area.

The pastor of Eastside Church, Rev. W. A. Sullivan, recommends these young men for use in youth revivals or supply preaching. They may be contacted at Belzoni, 214 Bowles Street, Telephone 310.

The most appreciated meal I have ever had, I believe, was the cold Campbell's cream of mushroom soup I ate from the can after I got back to the car from a bicycle trip across the bush.—H. Jerald Palmer, Jr., missionary to Nigeria